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Prof. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Prof. Lederberg:

Shortly after the publication of my 1940 paper on plastid mutations, I became Head of the Department of Botany. Don't become Head of the Department if you desire to do research. I have amassed a large body of data on the inheritance of the plastids. The results are very unusual to say the least. Fortunately I have maintained all of the stock cultures of the prothallia with mutated plastids and I have a large number of sporophytes.

I expect to retire on July 1, 1952 after which I will have time for preparing some manuscripts.

If by chance your travelling takes you to this region I would be very happy to show you the extraordinary material. I read Maly's paper with interest. He obtained like mutations with lower intensities than I.

Sincerely yours,



Lewis Knudson

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